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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Mail Stop AF
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks and Request for Continued Examination in Response to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2006 along with a request for a two month extension of time to extend the due date of this response to June 10, 2006

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An Appendix containing an Exhibit including photographs and a declaration by the inventor is attached following page 8 of this paper.